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In response to the Office Action dated December 7, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 7, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 09-0465, the fee of \$400 for the addition of two (2) independent claims and for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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